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1. Increased activity has been noted in the Algerian Communist Party since 1 October 1948. It is evidenced in the movement of Party members into and out of the country and in the number and violence of the public meetings and manifestations. There are indications at the same time of an increase in clandestine activity.
2. Greater efforts are being made by the Algerian Communist Party to win over the Moslem population, chiefly through the formation of camouflage organizations and action committees. Among these are the Union de la Jeunesse Democratique, the Association des Etudiants Musulmans de l'Afrique du Nord, the Front National Democratique Algerien, the Comite pour Sauver l'Honneur des Femmes Algeriennes, and the Comite pour Aider les Sinistres de Laghouat.
3. The Comite pour Sauver l'Honneur des Femmes Algeriennes is an example of the manner in which the Algerian Communist Party makes political capital out of local events. It was formed after two policemen, during a routine search, allegedly penetrated an Arab public bath for women. The local Communist press burst out in indignation at what was called the Gestapo methods of the local government and disregard of the rights of natives. The organization was formed by Arab Communists though any relation with the Party was concealed. A rally was held, attended largely by Arabs, at which protests appealing to Arab feelings were made, and a collection was taken up. Source believes that an important consideration in the formation of such organizations is the money that is brought by them into the Party treasury.
4. The Secretary of the Union de la Jeunesse Democratique is Kraba (fnu); the Secretary-General of the Association des Etudiants Musulmans de l'Afrique du Nord is Kiouane (fnu). The Action Committee of the Paris branch of the Front National Democratique Algerien is composed of the following:

Said Manouz, president  
Said Tigrine, vice president  
Ali Labraoui, vice president  
Yacine Kateb, secretary-general  
Said Ferhouh, secretary

Nothing is known, at present, of the personnel of the Algiers organization.

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5. On 24 November 1948 Mrs. Baya Allaouchiche and Mrs. Andree Ruiz, Algiers delegates to the Congres Mondial des Femmes pour la Paix, organized by the Federation Democratique Internationale des Femmes, left Algiers for Paris where they were to be joined by Alice Sportisse, Communist member of the National Assembly from Oran. From Paris they were scheduled to go to Budapest, where the congress was to be held from December 1-8, 1948.
6. In source's opinion there are not more than 1000 militant Moslem Communists in Algeria, and he believes that because of their ultimate subservience to religious authority, these Moslems could be swayed in their allegiance by the marabouts at a time of crisis.

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